

Reagan law affects loans

By SHELLY ARMOR
associate editor

A new law will have profound impact on the financial assistance programs offered by TJC, said Robert Cullins Jr., financial aid and scholarships director.

Last October, President Reagan signed into law the Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 1986. The new law, which goes into effect July 1, will cause a tremendous shift in eligibility, said Cullins.

"The basis of financial aid is to serve as a foundation. Students are responsible to make arrangements to finance their education that financial aid doesn't cover," said Cullins.

The changes involve Pell Grants, Work-Study Programs, Guaranteed Student Loans and the definition of an independent student.

Pell Grants

Scheduled changes for Pell Grants include:

The Office of Education will advance to the college, before the award year begins, at least 85 percent of the program funds estimated to be needed;

Pell Grant voucher payments will be limited to tuition, fees, and room and board in the case of institutionally-owned housing. This would eliminate vouchers issued for meal tickets, books and residence hall deposits;

Students will be prohibited from receiving concurrent Pell Grant payments from more than one institution;

Pell Grant cost-of-attendance calculation will be increased to allow for increased living expenses. This will amount to an average increase in the cost-of-attendance calculation at TJC of \$200-\$500, depending on the residence and size of student's household. This adjustment would increase the size of a Pell entitlement a student would receive.

Eligibility will be expanded to less than half-time students in the 1989-90 academic year if they have a zero eligibility index. It will include students with eligibility between zero and 200 for the 1990-91 academic year.

Cullins said it is frustrating and a constant battle keeping up with the regulations.

"I'd love to be able to help every student in need," said Cullins. "But our purpose is to serve the student within the guidelines."

Work-Study Programs

Other changes will occur in the Work-Study program:

To the extent practical, students employed under the program must be provided with work-learning opportunities which complement and reinforce their educational programs or vocational goals;

Students who have exhausted eligibility for CWS jobs in a semester may have to continue employment in non-CWS jobs for the remainder of the semester;

The institutional matching requirement for regular work-study employment is increased to 25 percent in 1989-90 and to 30 percent for 1990-91 and beyond;

Schools can use up to 25 percent of their allocation for work programs operations in the for-profit sector.

Guaranteed Student Loans

Changes in Guaranteed Student Loans:

Requires all students to undergo a standard need analysis to determine eligibility. This action makes it mandatory for a student to apply for Pell Grant funds before certifying a GSL loan application;

Establishes the GSL interest rate at 8 percent during the student's in school/grace period and during the first four years of repayment. The rate increases to 10 percent in the fifth year.;

Increases the annual borrowing limit to \$2,625 for the first two years of undergraduate study;

Eliminates the \$1,000 GSL minimum loan;

Makes other administrative changes regarding lenders and guaranteeing agencies.

One of the most significant changes in student financial assistance is a new independent student definition, which went into effect

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Checks ready

Student can receive Pell Grants Monday in the Financial Aid Office.

Many students have complained about the waiting period which has stretched to the fifth week of classes.

"I'd love to pay students on the first day of classes. It would relieve a lot of headaches," said Robert Cullins Jr., director of financial aid and scholarships.

The problem with paying students on the first class day is that it takes 12 class days to certify a student's enrollment. Any time a student drops out, TJC has to repay the federal government, Cullins said.

If students could get their checks on the first day of classes, it would be too easy for someone to go through registration simply to secure a check from the school, he said.

"There is a solution to this problem, I just haven't found it yet," said Cullins.

'Sons' tickets go on sale

The box office opens today for "All My Sons," an Arthur Miller play to be directed by Clarence Strickland.

Speech/Drama Instructor Strickland recently announced the cast.

The cast includes: Howard Leach as Joe Keller, Becky Faulds as Kate Keller, Brant Buchinger as Chris Keller, Sandy Camp as Sue, Martie Robinson as Lydia, Jody Rusham as Frank, Scott Pierce as George and Lara Henderson as Ann.

The play opens at Jean Browne Theatre Feb 26, and runs through March 3 with 7:30 p.m. performances nightly and a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

TJC students with I.D. cards may reserve seats for \$1 or present their cards at the door and be admitted free if seats are still available, Speech Instructor Jacques Shackelford said.

Other tickets cost: \$4 for adults, \$3 for non-TJC students, and \$1 for senior citizens and children under 12.



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PILLO POLO--Karen Gould and Christy Watson of Instructor Nancy Laird's HPE 111 class both take a run for the ball during a recent game of pillo polo.

Few rules are used during the game so students can just enjoy the activity and really get involved said Laird.

Scientists speculate on kisses

By LISA CECIL
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Scientists speculate that kissing began when cavemen, got into the habit of licking sweat off each other as a way of supplying their bodies' need for salt.

Americans have witnessed the passionate kisses shared by their favorite couples; Romeo and Juliet, Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Bulter, Peppermint Patti and Charlie Brown. Some people believe the kiss is a way to connect two souls, a sharing and a privacy and, at the same time, an investigation and a proclamation. Still today, Japanese consider kissing to be disgusting and unsanitary.

The "X" came to symbolize the kiss because the two sides resemble two pairs of lips touching. In medieval times lovers believed when they kissed their spirits intermingled and their souls were joined.

According to the "Guinness Book of World Records" the longest kiss lasted 47 hours and took place during a Las Vegas "Smoochathon."

EDITORIAL Instructors deserve praise

TJC administrators have asked all instructors to work an "overload" schedule this year, due to state cuts in school funding. An "overload" schedule requires instructors to teach an extra class without any extra pay.

Most instructors are shouldering this added burden stoically and should be commended for their perseverance. They are doing the best that they can with a difficult situation.

In the past, a few of the instructors have asked for an overload schedule as a means of increasing their income. This was when TJC was paying extra money for the extra class taught.

Now, that the crunch has hit the college budget, they will be doing carrying the same workload at a regular pay level.

These instructors deserve a medal of honor.

Hopefully, this state's finances will get better instead of worse and this situation will right itself. Until then, things must be accepted that cannot be changed.

Body lice present problem

Lice are a common everyday problem for some TJC students.

"This problem can affect anyone and is not a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unsanitary environment," said Health Services Coordinator Zelda Boucher.

"I have had some students come into my office to consult me on another matter, and I have noticed that they have lice," Boucher said.

Lice are usually transmitted through intimate and personal contact. They are occasionally transmitted through the sharing of personal articles such as combs, brushes, hats, undergarments, helmets or through the storage of these items in shared lockers, Boucher said.

While itching is a common symptom of lice infestation, most persons with very light cases experience no symptoms at all. A thorough examination of the hair of the scalp, body and pubis is necessary to detect lice.

Several over-the-counter medicated shampoos are available in most drug stores. "I usually recommend RID to students who come to me for assistance," Boucher said. "Follow a physician's or druggist's recommendations or seek assistance from the health department or me."

"Treat the hair according to instructions on the label of the medical shampoo. Because none of the shampoos will kill all the lice eggs, treatment must be repeated in 7-10 days to eliminate newly-hatched lice," Boucher said.

Treatment must be accompanied by laundering of bedding, clothing and towels in hot water and detergent. Also, wash combs, brushes and other hair care items with the same preparation, she added.

Lice are small graying-white insects, 1/16 to 1/8 inches long. Lice eggs are known as nits, Boucher said.

Lice attach each nit to the hair shaft at the scalp with a waterproof cement-like substance. Although lice and nits are most commonly found at the nape to the neck and behind the ears, they can be found anywhere on the scalp, body and pubis.

Lice and newly hatched 'nymphs' are rapid travelers and can move quickly from host to host. Identification is difficult because the adults move so quickly and the nits are confused with hair debris, Boucher said.

Nits are tear-drop shaped and about 0.8mm in length. Nits look like dandruff; but dandruff is irregular in shape, flakes easily and can be flipped away with the fingers, Boucher warned.

There are three kinds of lice: body lice, which lives strictly on the body; pubic lice, which habitate only the pubic area and head lice, which confine themselves to the scalp.

Skating accident reinforces handicap horrors

By **SHELLY ARMOR**
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Last semester, against my better judgement, I allowed my children to convince me that I was still young enough to roller skate. It was wonderful at first. Like riding a bike, it all came back to me and I soon found myself gliding across the polished wooden floor.

What a feeling—I hadn't felt that young in years. I was clicking my wheels to the beat of "Rockin' Robin" when suddenly, someone pulled the floor out from under me and I found myself gliding along on my knees.

I'm not sure what was worse, realizing I wasn't young anymore or the excruciating pain in my knee.

The doctor assured me that the knee wasn't broken but only severely traumatized. My worst fears were realized when the doctor told me crutches would be necessary for the following weeks.

The first week I spent in bed with my knee supported on pillows higher than my head. I was getting through the house relatively well on the crutches and falling way behind in school.

Reasonably assured that I was ready, I hobbled back to school. I pride myself on being a strong person but my knee was pounding and the crutches weren't cooperating. I kept pushing along and finally made it to my first class only 30 minutes late.

If you've never tried walking on crutches, you cannot understand the energy it takes. By the end of the first day, it felt like my entire rib

cage had pulled loose. My arms and shoulders throbbed in retaliation.

Every step was agonizing and I had to leave classes early to make it to my next class on time. When I finally did make it to class, getting through the small aisles of desks was comparable to negotiating a mini-obstacle course. I can't count the times I tripped over an unseen notebook or foot.

Walking down the halls became the next obstacle. I never saw anyone as I constantly watched my feet, aware that a stray foot could cause a fall.

The next problem I faced was parking. Campus Security issued me a temporary handicap sticker, but that didn't guarantee a handicap parking place. Quite often I found the spaces filled with cars not bearing the blue wheelchair symbol.

The weather I found is also

detrimental to the crutch user. TJC floors when wet from rainwater become as slick as a sheet of ice. It is a scary feeling to place a crutch out for a step and have it slide five feet. The crutch user has a strong fear of falling. Someone should invent crutch tips that will not slide.

I never before noticed that all the women's restrooms are on the second floor in every building with the exception of Jean Browne. I learned to leave class in plenty of time in order to make it. Stairs are a crutch users worst enemy, especially when they are wet.

My experience made me aware that TJC is not really equipped to meet the needs of handicapped students.

TJC does work with handicapped students to arrange their classes on lower floors, but what happens if the

class can't be moved? Or what happens when those women students need to use the restroom? How do students in wheelchairs handle stairs that lead into each building? I've seen only one ramp, the long one that runs from Jenkins Hall to the lower level of the campus.

As more and more handicapped students are seen on campus, the need for better facilities increases. TJC needs more ramps, more handicapped parking and some system to transport students up stairs.

Being on crutches was not a fun experience but it did open my eyes to what handicapped students go through in a day on campus.

I'm sure there is a solution to this problem. I wish that every person would use crutches for just one day. Then maybe some changes would be made.

Applications due March 1

TJC students have 444 scholarships to apply for. "A scholarship is essentially a gift awarded to students for their education," said Robert Cullins Jr., director of student financial aid and scholarships.

Any student wishing to apply for a scholarship should complete an application in the Financial Aid office before March 1. Those applying will need to attach a copy of their transcript.

No scholarships are available for the summer semesters, said Cullins.

About half of the scholarships awarded go to students that the TJC committee selects. The committee consists of TJC faculty and staff.

"We make an effort to award every scholarship," stated Cullins. There are only one or two scholarships not used.

Pell Grants

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fect Jan. 1 for GSL applicants and for all applicants for federal financial assistance during the 1987-88 academic year.

Independent Students

The independent student is defined as:

A student will be considered independent if they will be 24 years of age before Dec. 31, 1987. Otherwise the student is dependent unless he meets one of the following conditions:

- 1). is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- 2). is an orphan or ward of the court.
- 3). has legal dependents other than spouse.
- 4). is a single undergraduate with no dependents who was not claimed as an income tax exemption

by his/her parents for 1985 and 1986 and who had a total annual income of \$4,000 or more in both 1985 and 1986.

5). is a married student whose parents will not claim him/her as a U.S. income tax exemption in 1986.

6). is a graduate or professional student whose parents will not claim him/her as a U.S. income tax exemption in 1986.

7). other exemptions will be determined by the financial aid administrator.

Any person applying under the independent student definition will be required to provide extensive documentation as determined by the Department of Education.

"If a student is anticipating applying for aid next year, they need to file their taxes right now," said Cullins. "By doing so, on the first day of classes everything will be completed and waiting here for the student."

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DECISIONS--Art Editor Pat Buffington and Touchstone Staff Member Ivey Lawrence Jr. select articles and art work

for the second edition of the literary magazine. Magazines are expected on campus in late April.

Cancun seats remain

Three openings remain in a TJC student spring break junket to Cancun and other Mexican peninsula cities. Foreign Language Coordinator John Hayes, who will lead the tour, encourages students to take advantage of the travel opportunity.

"Our scheduled stops are pretty much an incapsulated view of Latin American history," Hayes said of his third visit to the Peninsula. Those stops include the pre-Columbian of Chichen Itzu, colonial city Merida, and Cancun.

Chichen Itzu was the home of the Maya Indians. Merida is noted for its vast, open air markets and popular for quality, affordable art.

While the tour is not limited to TJC

students and involves no academic credit, Hayes stressed the obvious advantages to students of going in a group.

"I'd call this a tour with a guide, rather than a guided tour," he said. Participants will be welcome to stay with the group or explore on their own.

The group tour, arranged by Jackson Travel Agency, will leave Houston by air March 22, and return there March 29. Air fare and hotel will cost \$398. Hayes recommends allowing at least another \$100 for food, souvenirs and other personal expenses.

Anyone interested in going should contact Hayes at 531-2547 before the Feb. 20 deadline for registration and fees.

Campus Briefs

Catholics plan talks

A two-part panel discussion on liberation theology begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Church. The church is located at the corner of Broadway and Front streets.

The discussion continues Thursday at Jean Browne Theatre. The meetings are sponsored by the TJC Catholic Student Organization.

Guest speakers include Sister Mary O'Keefe, O.P., an expert in liberation theology from Washington, D.C.; Sister Nannette Navarre, OSV., a biblical scholar from Houston and the Rev. Jerry Wikenhauser, Maryknoll priest from Houston.

"This is based on the scriptural and theological foundation for liberation. It is a presentation to clarify any misconceptions," said Catholic Campus Minister Marilyn Coler.

For more information contact Coler at 592-1617.

Math labs offer help

Math labs can help students who need assistance in math courses.

The labs are for people who have a few questions or need a little extra help, not for those in more serious trouble, said Support Service Specialist Vickie Giesel.

Students who need more help than the labs provide can go to Giesel's office in the counseling center to locate a tutor.

The labs are directed by students who have been recommended by TJC faculty to tutor math. They are organized and funded by TJC Support Service.

Math labs last semester were well used and always had students in them, Giesel said.

Labs are available in the afternoon, from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday in Potter 109 and Potter 111 and at night from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in Potter 105 and Potter 111.

Both math instructors and students think the labs are useful.

"They're very helpful to the students," said Math Instructor Robyn Files.

"Any practice the students get is good," Math Instructor David Demic said.

"The students can go by the lab when the students cannot come by the teacher's office during his office hours," said Math Instructor George Teftteller.

"I thought it was very helpful. They usually have enough tutors per ratio to students and the times they're offered are very convenient. The tutors are able to explain and a good many students take advantage of the labs, especially around test time," said student Linda Acker.

Disney hunts new talent

A talent search, sponsored by Walt Disney World, seeks dancers, singers musical theater performers and musicians for the Lake Buena, Fla., entertainment center.

Performers, 18 or older by June, 1987, are encouraged to audition.

Talent scouts will be in Denton Feb. 24 at North Texas State University School of Music, Ave. C and Chestnut Street. and in Dallas March 1 at Southern Methodist University in McFarlin Auditorium.

Singers, dancers and musical theater performers audition at 9:30 a.m. for females and 2 p.m. for males. Instrumentalists audition on a walk-in basis between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. both days.

Graduation deadline nears

Only two weeks remain before the March 2 deadline for applying for spring 1987 graduation.

This deadline is for both completing the application and paying the \$15 fee.

"This fee is required for students whether they go through the ceremony or not," said Joan Norris, assistant to the registrar.

"Students must realize they have to apply for graduation," said Norris.

Applications are available in the Registrar's Office in Jenkins Hall.

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My favorite place is in your arms.
Love, Shelly

Eddie,
Even in the worst of times, you're the best
of times.
Love, Cindy

You're my inspiration
my hope, my dreams, my future
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You are Mommy's little sweetheart
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Hospital adds lithotripsy

By DOTTIE KIDD
staff writer

Mother Frances Hospital personnel demonstrated a new lithotripsy machine at the Regional Stone Center at Tyler Square recently.

The machine, which shatters kidney stones, is expected to revolutionize treatment of the painful disorder, according to publicity.

The machine includes a large tub filled with water to conduct shock waves to the stones. An electrode is safely encased in an oval chamber in the tub bottom. Two "ballons" in the tub, when inflated, touch the patient's lower back to help prevent water illusions on the X-ray, explained Val Chenoweth, M.D., chief of the Hospital's urology section.

Two large, white tubular objects are attached to the sides of the tub. These image intensifiers X-ray the stone and aim shock waves used to crush the stone.

Patients who are being treated for kidney stones are provided a disposable garment to wear in the tub. The patient is given a general anesthetic and lowered into the tub where he is strapped in a hydraulic chair. The chair is then lowered so the water is at chest level.

The lithotripsy urologist uses X-rays to pinpoint the stone's exact location. Then the urologist directs shock waves through water at the stone. The shock waves disintegrate the stone into sand-like particles which the patient will pass through normal elimination.

A normal lithotripsy takes about an hour to perform as between 50 and 300 shots of electricity of 20,000 volts each are shot at the stone. The procedure is virtually painless, said Chenoweth.

Primary advantages of the lithotripsy are a shorter recovery

time than for surgery and cost, which is approximately \$2000 less than surgery. The patient can usually return to work the day after a lithotripsy is performed.

Mother Frances Hospital will share the mobile lithotripsy machine with five other hospitals. It will be at the Tyler Center every Monday.

The lithotripsy procedure is approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The Dornier Kidney Lithotripter has been described as a "modern medical miracle" by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, according to a brochure produced by Mother Frances Hospital.

The Hospital is coordinating extracorporeal shock waves lithotripsy (ESWL) treatment with local urologists. The hospital has also installed a lithotripsy information line, 1-800-33-TYLER.



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STONE CRUSHER!--Martha Saxon, director of radiology and Marsha Nangle, RN, director of cardiovascular rehabilitation at Mother Frances Hospital view the hydraulic chair that accompanies the Lithotripsy machine.

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